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IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the current Abstract in its entirety and substitute therefor the enclosed New Abstract.

NEW ABSTRACT

Methods of and system for distributing a multimedia object includes a server that receives a request to buy the multimedia object from a client device. After authorizing the request, an identifier for the object is forwarded to a file sharing network. A node that is able to distribute the object to the requesting client signals a positive response to the server and subsequently transmits the object to the requesting client. The operator of the node is then rewarded for distributing the object. This way the server does not have to distribute the object itself, but still earns money from the operator of the requesting client. By encrypting or otherwise protecting the object, it is prevented that clients share the objects directly without contacting the server.